

CYFs APIR Project (Assess, Plan Implement and Review)

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Aims;

- ensure that every child or young person who is involved by way of an intervention with Child, Youth and Family, or delegated NGO, has a single, integrated plan that is implemented and reviewed to promote improved outcomes
- simplify and strengthen cross-agency planning processes and coordinated support so the purpose is clear and transparent: everyone knows who is doing what, why and when
- ensure that the five outcomes we want to achieve for children and young people are at the centre of Tuituia and the APIR process: safe, healthy, have a sense of belonging and a stable permanent home, are achieving and participate in pro-social ways in their community
- increase understanding that change for vulnerable children and young people is not static: good planning is built on quality assessment. When a plan is implemented well and appropriately reviewed, we see improved outcomes

Invited Jan White and self to meet and discuss the project and to feed in from a NASC perspective.

Points discussed/agreed were;

Timeframes

Recognising need for FGCs to be timely and well in advance of NASC Reviews

Plans

Assumptions sometime made in planned outcomes (eg parenting education will create safety)

Plans need to be specific in describing what are the outcomes hoped to be achieved by time of next Review (measurable outcomes) and the steps in the plan (implementation) need to work backwards from the desired outcomes.

Information sharing/collaboration

- Need for sharing of info between govt agencies to manage risk. This should be made clear to at time of assessment as part of discussion around consent. General catch phrase that is helpful is "if there is perceived risk to self or others then the worker must disclose"
- Potential to conduct NASC and CYFs assessment alongside (however recognising some aspects of CYFs assessment not appropriate to NASC)
- Recognition of value of Value of HCN intersectorial engagement and in some NASC areas have Youth Offending Team regular intersectorial meeting to discuss youth at risk. Potential for formalising a National approach to regional meetings
- Realignment of some funding boundaries eg CYFS has funded some Educational Psychologist assessments

Training opportunities

recent ASD training –Police did not attend Tanya Breens expertise could be of value in other forums eg CYF training

NASCA – invite Kiri and Simon to breakout group to present APIR project